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## **Glacier National Park** News Release

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## Logan Pass Reopened Wednesday Afternoon Following Short Closure

Weather permitting, Logan Pass to stay open for vehicle use through Sunday, October 27

WEST GLACIER, MONT. -- The Logan Pass portion of the Going-to-the-Sun Road reopened this afternoon after icy road conditions and blowing snow prompted closure of the upper road Monday night. Glacier National Park's road crew cleared six inches of drifted snow from the 'Big Drift' area a quarter mile east of Logan Pass and sanded the upper road between Big Bend and Siyeh Bend, Wednesday morning before rangers swung gates open at approximately I p.m.

Greatly improved weather and a lack of much snow accumulation, combined with a weather forecast calling for continued dry weather throughout the remainder of the week, prompted park officials to announce that weather permitting, Logan Pass will be kept open through the coming weekend. The upper roadway over Logan Pass will officially close to all vehicles for the season Monday morning, October 28, regardless of the weather and road conditions at that time.

Road conditions will be closely monitored and evaluated on a daily basis; therefore, there is no guarantee that the entire Going-to-the-Sun Road will be open on any given day. Once the upper roadway is winterized, weather permitting, the road will be reopened for hikers and bicyclists.

Travelers should keep alert for equipment and personnel working on the road. No overnight parking is currently allowed at Logan Pass, and between Big Bend and Siyeh Bend. Visitors are also reminded that no services are available along the road. Travelers are urged to call ahead to get the latest information on road access at 406-888-7800. A 24-hour recording is updated daily for anyone calling before 7 a.m. and after 6:30 p.m. During weekdays, updates are available by visiting the park's web site at www.nps.gov/glac/whatsnew/recupd.htm.

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